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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Application Number	09/938,364
	Filing Date	August 24, 2001
	First Named Inventor	M. N. Vyakarnam
	Group Art Unit	1711
	Examiner Name	S. A. Acquah
	Attorney Docket Number	ETH-1595

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
(any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Form 1449 w/references

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other

3. **Fees** - The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **10-0750**.
- i. ☐ RCE fee is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$_____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Re application of: Murty N. Vyakarnam, et al.

Application No.: 09/938,364

Group No.: 1711

Filed: August 24, 2001

Examiner: S. A. Acquah

For: FOAM COMPOSITE FOR THE REPAIR OR REGENERATION OF TISSUE

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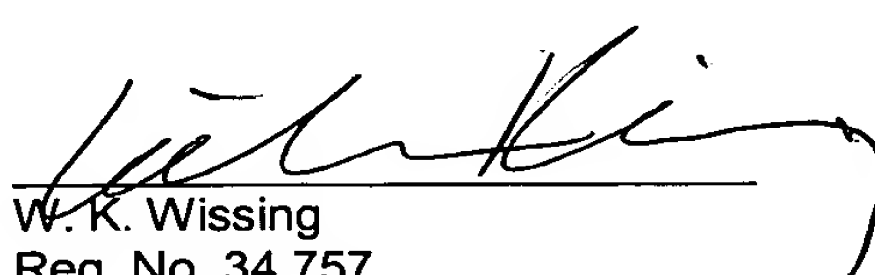
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REQUEST FOR COPIES OF COMPLETED FORM PTO-1449

1. The Notice of Allowability mailed on August 28, 2003 has been received.
2. Attachment No. 5 - Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. 20030725:
 - ☒ was not attached.
 - ☐ was attached with pages missing.
 - ☐ contains several references cited that were not initialed by the Examiner.
3. It is respectfully requested that a copy of the completed Form PTO-1449 be furnished to the undersigned.


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Amendment

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the RCE application be amended as follows.